

A. In the Claims:

1. *Please amend claim 1 as follows:*

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1. (Amended) A security holster for use with a handgun, the handgun having a trigger guard and trigger, wherein the holster includes, with respect to a front and back of a user of the holster, inner and outer spaced substantially rigid sidewalls formed to define an inner cavity and an open top portion for receiving a handgun therein and for removing a handgun therefrom, the improvement comprising:

a locking means adapted to engage, with an audible indication of locking, a handgun feature of a handgun placed in said inner cavity of said security holster, thereby preventing the withdrawal of said handgun prior to release of said locking means;

a releasing means located adjacent said trigger of said handgun, for releasing said locking means by flexure of a user's index finger;

a finger tube located in said outer sidewall surrounding said releasing means; wherein said security holster is configured for one handed insertion of a handgun into said security holster with the audible indication of locking, and for retention of said handgun until said locking means is released by said releasing means by a user depressing said releasing means by flexure of an index finger.

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Please amend claim 18 as follows:

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18. (Amended) The security holster of claim 17 in which said locking tab is attached to said spring plate assembly by a floating connection, in which said locking tab is allowed a limited freedom of motion in its attachment to said spring plate assembly, so that if said handgun is forcefully withdrawn from said security holster without releasing said locking tab, said locking tab is pulled into engagement with said holster body, so that force applied to withdrawing said handgun is transferred to said holster inner sleeve and is not directed to said spring plate assembly.